

This application, Form OA-1 (Rev.), shall be used to apply for a permit to erect and maintain a new sign structure.

The application shall be mailed to the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways" District Engineer for the county in which the sign is proposed to be located. The sign owner must place temporary stakes at the exact proposed sign location prior to submitting the application.

In the spaces showing vertical columns, the required information should be shown beginning in the first column on the left. The size of the sign must be shown in units of feet to the nearest one-half feet in decimal form. Show the area of the sign to the nearest whole unit (square feet). Circle or check the method the sign will be displayed.

The size of the advertising shall include the base or apron, supports, and other structural members if advertising messages will not be shown thereon. The area shall be measured by the smallest square, rectangle, triangle, circle, or combination thereof which will encompass the entire signs. The maximum size limitations shall apply to each side of a sign structure and the signs may be placed back-to-back, side-by-side, or in "V"-type construction with no more than two displays on each side. See Page 13 of the Outdoor Advertising Manual.

UNLAWFUL ADVERTISING: Any outdoor advertising erected in violation of Article 11, Chapter 136-126, "The Outdoor Advertising Control Act," the Board of Transportation or its agents shall give thirty (30) days notice to move the outdoor advertising or make it conform to the provisions of this article. The Board of Transportation or its agents shall have the right to move the illegal outdoor advertising within thirty (30) days after notification at the expense of the owner if the owner fails to act.

PERMIT FEES: A check payable to the North Carolina Board of Transportation in the amount of \$15.00 for each sign structure application must accompany the completed application.

The original of the approved application for a new sign structure will be returned to the applicant within ten (10) days of receipt. In case of rejection, the complete file will be returned to the applicant within ten (10) days with the reason for rejection.

An advertising sign must not be erected until a permit is issued. The permit does not grant permission for removal or trimming of shrubs or trees on the highway right of way. Violators will be prosecuted and the sign permit will be revoked.

The identification tag that will be issued at the time of permit approval must be attached to the sign, visible from the roadway within thirty (30) days after the sign is erected. The sign shall also bear the sign owner's name.

Application forms may be obtained from any Department of Transportation, Division of Highways' Division or District Engineer's office.